

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE related to the Board of Park Commissioners; authorizing a Get Engaged young adult position to the Board of Park Commissioners; changing the membership composition and terms of Park Commissioners; and amending Section 3.26.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, in 2002, Ordinance 120325 established a two-year pilot program entitled Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions (Get Engaged). The program encouraged young adult participation on City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ordinance 121568 acknowledged the success of Get Engaged and made the Program permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners (Park Board) and the City seek to increase young adult participation on the Board of Park Commissioners, and recognize the success Get Engaged has had in placing young adults on other City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, a nine-member Park Board will allow for increased young adult participation and avoid the potential for tie votes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 122332 (2007) all Park Commissioners' terms expire on December 31 of their final year of service; and

WHEREAS, advertising, interviewing, and confirming Park Board appointees at the end of the year is inconvenient and problematic; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 3.26.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 122332 is amended as follows:

**3.26.010 Board of Park Commissioners – Membership**

The Board of Park Commissioners shall consist of ~~((seven-(7)))~~ nine members.  
Members in the positions numbered one, three ~~((3))~~, five ~~((5))~~ and seven ~~((7))~~ on the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council.  
Members in positions numbered two ~~((2))~~, four ~~((4))~~, ~~((and))~~ six ~~((6))~~, and eight on the

Board shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. The member in position number nine shall be a designated young adult position, as defined in Section 3.51.020, pursuant to the Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions, Chapter 3.51. The Mayor and Parks Superintendent must make all reasonable and diligent efforts to appoint a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult to the Board. After a showing to the Board that all reasonable and diligent efforts have resulted in not obtaining a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult for position number nine , the Mayor shall appoint any person to position number nine subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council. ~~((The member in position number one (1) shall be appointed by a majority vote of the other Board of Park Commissioners as constituted. All a))~~Appointments for position numbers one through eight shall be for three year terms ending on ((December 31))March 31. If a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult serves in position number nine , his or her term shall be for one year, pursuant to Section 3.51.040. If a member other than a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult serves in position number nine , his or her term shall be for three years ending on March 31. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment for that term was made. Members of the Park Board shall annually appoint one ((4)) member ((of the Board)) to serve as Chair for a term of one ((4)) year, beginning on ((January 1<sup>st</sup>))April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor may remove any Commissioner who was appointed by the Mayor for cause. The City Council may remove any Commissioner for cause by a majority public vote. ((The Board of Park Commissioners may remove a commissioner it appointed for cause only if at least four (4) members of the Board vote in favor of removal.))

1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, and  
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
6 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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11 Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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14 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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16 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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19 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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